

J.A. Skinner State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

JULY-AUGUST 2022 PROGRAMS



All programs are free and open to the public. **Meet at the Summit House** unless otherwise noted. The Summit House is located atop Mount Holyoke off Skinner State Park Road in Hadley. A parking fee may apply. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines; visit Mass.gov/COVID for more guidance. For more information call the park at **(413) 586-0350.**

OPEN WEEKENDS & HOLIDAYS

HISTORIC SUMMIT HOUSE, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

The Summit House was an 1800s hotel. Travelers once came here to relax and enjoy the view. You can do the same today! Features: Exhibits, park information, restrooms and drinking water. Picnicking available on the grounds outside. Open late-May through mid-October.

SATURDAYS & SUNDAYS

SUMMIT HOUSE TOUR, 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Join a park interpreter-guided one-hour tour to enliven your summit House visit. Hear the story and vision of John and Fanny French. In the 1800s they offered a novel mountain-top vacation here at the Prospect House. Discover how it changed, and later became a state park. 1-hour tour duration. Best for ages 12 and up. Meet inside the Summit House.

SUNDAYS

THE MAKING OF A MASTERPIECE, 10:00—10:30 a.m.

Discover the story of Hudson River School artist Thomas Cole and his famous painting, *The Oxbow*. Compare the same iconic view then and now. Best for ages 15 and up. Meet inside the Summit House.

SATURDAYS

WHERE'S THE WARBLER? 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Skinner State Park is a hotspot to experience the Cerulean Warbler and Indigo Bunting. Hear, see, and enjoy these birds and more on this beginner program. Best for ages 10 and up. Meet outside on the Summit House deck.

MONDAYS

OUR OWN JURASSIC PARK, 10:00-10:30 a.m.

Explore the geologic story of the Mount Holyoke Range, formed and shaped by fire and ice! Experience a dinosaur footprint or two. For all ages. Meet inside the Summit House.

